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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(i),
AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART**

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(i), since it is being filed after the patent has come to issue.

This prior art citation is being submitted under 37 CFR 1.97(i) because the prior art did not come to the attention of the undersigned until a time such that 37 CFR 1.97(e) precluded consideration under 37 CFR 1.97(d).

The undersigned asserts that the prior art cited on the attached form 1449 has been compared to the allowed claims, and that the prior art cited on this form 1449 is not materially closer to the claimed subject matter than is the prior art which the examiner has already considered.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form 1449 is as follows:

US 5,577,667

This patent teaches a fuel injection valve for intermittent fuel injection into the combustion space of a combustion engine. The valve comprises an injection valve indirectly actuated electromagnetically by a hydraulic amplifier. The opening motion of the injection valve element remains limited at low and medium injection pressures. The opening motion of the injection valve element is substantially more rapid and the opening path of the injection valve element is substantially larger at high injection pressure than it is at a low to medium injection pressure. It is possible to operate the engine over the complete load and rotational speed range under optimum injection conditions.

DE 44 27 378 A1

According to the teachings of this patent, the rod (11) of a piston (7, Fig. 1), which effects needle lift when a solenoid valve (9) relieves the closing pressure on the piston, is coupled to the nozzle needle (3) by a coupling including a sleeve (17). The coupling may comprise half shells (15, 16) retained engaging recesses in the ends of the parts (3, 11) by the sleeve (17) which is biased by the needle closing spring (17). The coupling may also take other forms (Figs. 3 to 5).

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This patent is in the same family as DE 44 27 378 A1 and is provided as an aid.

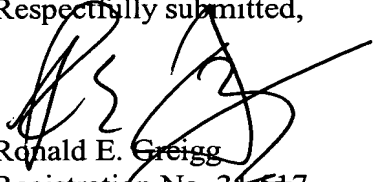
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This publication teaches a device for adjusting a fuel injector electromagnetic metering valve. The valve comprises a shutter (67) for the drain conduit (63) of a control

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chamber (61) of an injector; an electromagnet (42) having a fixed core (46), and an armature (43) controlling the shutter (67). The armature is normally pushed by a return spring (86) for maintaining the drain conduit (63) closed by the shutter (67). The device for adjusting the travel of the armature (43) comprises a plate (72) which is fitted to the body (6) of the injector by means of a sleeve (41) and via the interposition of two sets of calibrated washers (74). The plate (72) presents a stop element (76) against which a contact element (77) integral with the armature (43) is arrested. This prevents the armature (43) from contacting the core (46).

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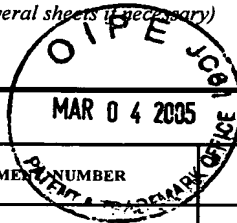
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